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Title: SOLUBLE RECEPTORS BR32X2
AND METHODS OF USING
Art Unit: 1645
Examiner: R. Zeman

SUBMISSION ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
(RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office action mailed on December 29, 2006 (the "Office Action") for the above-identified patent application, Applicants request continued examination of the pending claims and respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. A Notice of Appeal for this Application was filed on February 21, 2007. Submitted herewith are: (1) a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 together with the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e); and (2) a petition for a five-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, extending the date for reply from April 21, 2007 to September 21, 2007. Thus, this reply is believed to be timely filed.

No additional fees are believed to be due at this time, however, should any additional fees be deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing the above attorney docket number..